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1. WE BELIEVE ITALIANS MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE WITH PROGRAM OUTLINED REFTTEL. OCCURS TO US ANOTHER SOLUTION TO PROBLEM MIGHT BE BEST OF ALL: HAVE RESTRICTED PRELIMINARY TALKS IN ROME AS PROPOSED BY ITALIANS, BUT HAVE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON. IF DEPT CONCURS THAT THIS IS VALID POSSIBILITY, WE WILL SOUND OUT CAPOMAZZA.

2. OUR PURPOSES IN SUGGESTING ABOVE ARE:

- A) ITALIANS SEEM DIFFIDENT ABOUT SENDING CAPOMAZZA TO WASHINGTON BEFORE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF TALKS ESTABLISHED;
- B) ITALIANS ENVISAGE PRELIMINARY TALKS AS RESTRICTED TIGHTLY IN NUMBERS -- SAY CAPOMAZZA, SANTINI AND SERAFINI ON ONE SIDE AND LOY, MINETTI AND MELLEEN ON OTHER. FROM INDICATIONS IN REFTTEL, WASHINGTON VENUE WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR USG TO KEEP ITS DELEGATION THAT SMALL.
- C) WE HAVE FEELING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AFTER SUCCESSFUL PRELIMINARY TALKS, WOULD VASTLY SIMPLIFY COORDINATION OF DIVERSE US INTERESTS AND GIVE LATTER MORE "FEEL" OF TREND OF TALKS THAN CAN NORMALLY BE EXPECTED AT LONG REACH.
- D) THIS SOLUTION OPTIMUM FROM BUDGETARY POINT OF VIEW.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER WE CAN APPROACH CAPOMAZZA ALONG LINES FIRST PARAGRAPH.

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